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1. A large contingent of Soviet troops, equipped with tanks and motorized artillery (heavy caliber), occupies the Lighet-Andreanu forest about 12 kilometers south of Timisoara on the south side of the Timis river. Soviet personnel have about 100 barracks, shelters, and other buildings in the forest. East of the Sag railroad station, Soviet engineers were observed engaged in crossing drills over the Timis river with floating pontoons and crosswalks.
2. Less important units are stationed in the Cosanda forest west of the Timisoara-Stamora-Moravita railroad, south of the commune of Sag and east of the village of Parta.
3. The Soviet troops occupy the eastern section of the city of Timisoara known as "Fabrica," and all the villas north of the city in the direction of Padurea Verde. Soviet troops and their families also live on Traian Square near the streetcar terminals and also on the streets near the Serbian church.
4. An unknown number of Soviet troops are stationed at Chiarmata, about 10 kilometers northeast of Timisoara.

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